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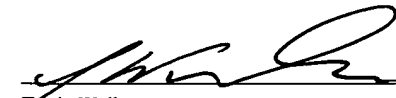
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND RECONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTION
REQUIRMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.43**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. In an Office Action dated May 19, 2005, Claims 1-18 are subject to a restriction and/or an election requirement. The Examiner indicates that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, as illustrated by Figures 3A, 7, 8A, 9, 11, 12, and 13A, respectively. The restriction requirement is traversed for the reasons set forth below. Nevertheless, the Applicant provisionally elects the first embodiment of "Figs. 11, 12, and 13A", directed towards Claims 6-9, 11-16, and 18 for prosecution and reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected embodiments identified as "Figs. 3A, 7, 8A, and 9", directed towards Claims 1-5, 10, and 17.

Applicant hereby respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. The first and second embodiments of the claimed design are merely different configurations of the same device, that device being a system for removing moisture from water laden structures. As shown in Figures 5 and 11, the system lays down a grid on a wet floor with a floor plate thereon, the floor plate having a plurality of barbed nozzles for receiving tubing from a vacuum source. Thus, the two configurations (i.e. embodiments) are obvious variations of one another to one ordinarily




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skilled in the art. Thus, the embodiments are not separate and distinct inventions and the restriction requirement must be rescinded.

If there are any questions regarding this application, or any matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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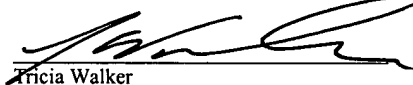
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